

ST. MARK CHURCH.

"To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" was the text used by Rev. John Thompson, D.D., Secretary of City Missionary Society in St. Mark last Sunday morning, who preached a great sermon. This was his first official visit, a little more than the usual attendance were present. This was to have been dedication day but, owing to the delay in the building, the dedication was postponed until a later date; but the membership, however, conducted the rally, from which was realized one thousand dollars. There were two accessions to the church during the day.

Sunday, March 21st, is the fourth quarterly meeting day. The Rev. Glaston B. Bryant, District Superintendent, will be present, and will preach morning and night.

The commission sermon will be preached by Rev. H. J. Callis, Walters A. M. E. Zion Church. The choir of Walters Church will sing.

Rev. J. C. Peters addressed St. Mark Lyceum last Sunday afternoon, giving a good practical talk.

Sunday, March 28, is doctors' day at St. Mark Lyceum, which opens at 4:30 p. m. A good program is offered. All are cordially invited.

ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.

The Alpha Suffrage Club made great preparation for its public reception to Congressman Madden for his splendid defense of Negro womanhood in the present Congress, at Quinn Chapel, 24th Street and Wabash Ave., on Thursday evening, March 18th, at 8 o'clock. In the receiving line were Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett, Congressman and Mrs. Martin B. Madden, Mr. and Mrs. William Hale Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar De Priest, Mrs. Florence Lawrence, Mrs. Ada McKinley, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Mrs. Estella Majors, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin. The ladies of the club served refreshments. The Boys' Orchestra of the Y. M. C. A. furnished the music. The members exerted every effort to make this affair a success.

E. K. THUMM, PITTSBURG, PA., AND JOHN W. SESSOMS, BOSTON, MASS., HAVE BECOME AGENTS FOR THE BROAD AX.

E. K. Thumm, newsdealer and stationer, pool and billiard parlor, 1400-1402 Wylie avenue, corner Townsend street, Pittsburgh, Pa., has become agent for THE BROAD AX, in that city, and it can be found on sale, at his place of business, every Saturday evening and the remainder of the week.

John W. Sessoms, barber shop, pool room and news stand, No. 17 Dundee street, Boston, Mass., has become agent for THE BROAD AX, in the city famous for its "baked beans."

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Another Free Recital at The Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. Thursday, March 25.

On Thursday evening, March 25, there will be a Free Recital at the Wabash Avenue Association. Three excellent artists will appear on the program, furnishing two groups each. The public is cordially invited. These recitals have proven a brilliant and artistic success. In order to accommodate the large number of music lovers for high class art, the gymnasium will be used. Cary B. Lewis, manager.

CHIPS

Monday evening, April 19, the citizens' hall will be held at the Eighth Regiment Armory, 35th and Forest Ave. See announcement in another column of this paper.

Dr. W. A. Driver, 3300 S. State Street, phone Douglas 3617, has a splendid article in this issue of the paper which is worth reading.

The Hon. Martin B. Madden talks like another Lincoln and he comes from the same state as our lamented champion of justice.—The Reliance, Boston, Mass., March 13, 1915.

Mrs. Laura Dailey, 3818 Rhodes Ave., is one among the many ladies in the Second Ward who is working very hard for the success of Hon. Oscar De Priest at the polls Tuesday, April 6.

Rev. E. J. Fisher, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, and Col. W. W. Talley, addressed the Second Ward Afro-American Woman's club, which met Wednesday afternoon at their headquarters, 2109 South State street. After the speaking a light luncheon was served to the hundred who were present to assist to boost Hon. Oscar De Priest into the city council.

The second ward De Priest woman's republican convention will convene at the Olivet Baptist church, 21th and Dearborn streets, Thursday evening, March 25th, from 2 to 11 o'clock p. m. All precincts will be represented by their chosen delegates. Good speakers will be on hand during the evening. Meals will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock.



HON. OSCAR DEPRIEST.

The regular Republican candidate for Alderman of the Second Ward, who will beat or defeat all comers at the election Tuesday, April 6.

Col. R. S. Abbott, head chief of the Chicago Defender, spent Tuesday of this week at Danville, Ill.

On Friday afternoon, March 26th, at the Chateau Gardens a public reception will be tendered to Hon. Oscar De Priest under the auspices of the 19th precinct De Priest woman's club of the second ward. All are welcome. Mrs. Rita Carter, president; Mrs. Alberta Moore Smith, secretary.

Don't tell your troubles if you are looking for an encore.

The most unneutral thing in the world is a floating mine.

It is better to forgive and forget than to forgive and remember.

After all, if there was no curiosity nobody would ever learn anything.

There is a fad for iron jewelry. Get engaged, young man, before the styles change!

One-half the world knows too well how the other half lives—they have to pay for it.

War measures now being taken are said to be without precedent. But then so are war conditions.

The beginning of many family jars comes with the wife trying to far a little money loose from the husband.

Sermons by phonograph are the latest. They ought to be a boom to the lazy Christian who doesn't like to go to church.

Health inspectors have found that the New York subway is full of germs. They must be very tough germs to live in that atmosphere.

Statisticians some time ago presented figures which went to show that travel on the seas was safer than travel by land. But that was before the war.

Health Hints.

There is no excuse for a sallow complexion. Exercise and diet are the two things that will cure it.

To cure hysteria wrap mustard plaster on hands, wrists, soles and palms and allow patient to rest.

Apply glycerin to a scald directly the accident occurs and cover it up with strips of rag soaked in glycerin.

Used in water as a daily gargle borax keeps the throat healthy. Used in water for cleansing the teeth it disinfects them and prevents their decaying.

Current Comment.

Mexico continues to illustrate the old saying that nothing is so bad that it cannot be worse.—Boston Herald.

Our national "back door" may be open, but anybody taking advantage of it should find plenty of us at home.—Wall Street Journal.

It is gratifying that South America is beginning to see the wisdom of looking this way. She still hesitates a little, but curiosity has already given way to confidence, and soon she will be smiling.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Recent Inventions.

A machine for stringing beads by centrifugal force has been invented in France.

To blow two soap bubbles at once, one within the other, is the purpose of a recently patented pipe.

A Frenchman has invented a machine for dealing cards that is said to make trick shots impossible.

A device consisting of joined sections of veneered wood has been patented for pressing trousers without the danger of using hot irons.

The use of mules is being urged for cavalry purposes. If they could talk the horses would support the motion.

Hereafter belligerent nations will best be geographically located by saying they are bound on all sides by misery.

All the world now is turning a regretful glance back to the bread which mother used to make, with plenty of dough in it.

After a man gets property he is afraid the people are not as honest as they were when he didn't have anything to lose.

In Cincinnati a court has limited telephone gossip on a party line to five minutes. A first class gossip, however, can do a lot of damage in that time.

The Writers.

Miss Marie Corelli is a skilled performer on the mandolin.

Mr. J. M. Barrie lives at 3 Adelphi Terrace house, London. In a six room flat. Immediately underneath him lives Mr. John Galsworthy, and on the floor below that is Mr. Granville Barker, while just across the way, at No. 10, resides Mr. Bernard Shaw.

Rita, whose real name is Mrs. Desmond Humphreys, never dictates. She writes everything in her own hand and it is afterward typewritten. She writes for five hours a day—three in the morning and two in the evening—and can produce a book of 90,000 or 100,000 words in two months if she is put to it.

Pert Personals.

In England it would have been Goethals of Panama.—New York Tribune. Neutrality, says Mr. Shaw, is an utter humbug. But George Bernard furnishes living proof that it isn't the only one.—Washington Post.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been pardoned by the Chinese republic, which is a bit like saying that George Washington has been forgiven by the United States.—Chicago News.

Some one has called Margaret Foley the "pioneer suffragist." Wonder what Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe and a few others, more or less well known, would say to that.—Lowell Courier-Citizen.

Town Topics.

Columbia announces that she will have a football team this year. Now, can't Cleveland announce that she will have a baseball team?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The city of New York disbursed for its maintenance in 1914 the sum of \$39,941,157. Father Knickerbocker can outspend whole nations without himself becoming the least bit spent.—New York Sun.

Detroit has been considering the purchase of the street car lines at \$24,900,000. Why should there be street car lines in a city where even the baby carriages have eight cylinders?—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Royal Box.

Victor Emmanuel, king of Italy, is a keen fisherman and spends hour after hour with his rod.

The German emperor practices the most rigid economy, while her famous husband, the Kaiser, spends money freely.

Prince Ranjitsingh, now the Jam of Rawanagar and serving with the British forces at the front, rules over 3,791 square miles of territory in India.

The German crown prince will be thirty-three years of age next May. He married the Princess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin in 1905 and has four sons.

SIRE AND SONS.

Lord Kitchener is a keen collector of old china.

Charles David Marx, who has just been installed as president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, is head of the civil engineering department at Stanford university.

Ambrose Swasey, who recently gave \$200,000 to engineering societies to promote research in that field, designed and built the Lick, Yerkes and United States naval observatories. He is sixty-nine years old.

General Jan Christian Smuts, minister of finance and defense in the Union government of South Africa, graduated from Cambridge, England, and became attorney general under the Paul Kruger regime at the age of twenty-eight. During the Boer war he fought against the British. He is now in his forty-fourth year.

While his work and responsibility are as great as those of any of the commanders of the German army corps, Dr. von Schjerning, general staff surgeon of the army, is almost never heard of. He it is who is held directly responsible for the work performed by the surgical division of the army all along the lines of action.

Flippant Flings.

Some former congressmen won't miss the roll call, but, oh, you cloakroom!—Washington Post.

Life is just one swat after another. First it is candidates for office and then it is carpets and flies.—Chicago News.

A Boston physician says that music makes the hair grow. Some of the new music makes it stand on end.—Providence Journal.

Do you know Adam and Eve's telephone number? No? Mr. John L. Swayze of the New York Telephone company says it was "281 Apple."—Chicago Post.

We are beset by a horrible thought: How is American neutrality to be maintained when the time comes to root for Hans Wagner and Napoleon Lajolo?—Manchester Union.

Echoes of the War.

No nation can be said to be too cowardly to fight, but after the close of the present conflict it is likely that some will be too poor to do so.—Detroit News.

Those who go down in submarines appear to have about the same chance of coming up alive as those who go up in airships have of coming down and living.—Philadelphia Press.

The cost of firing one of the monster guns employed in modern warfare makes the necessity of economizing in the use of meat and potatoes quite clear to the plain citizen.—Washington Star.

Short Stories.

It is estimated that the government's Grand Canyon game refuge in Arizona now contains about 10,000 deer.

The world's most active volcano is Mount Sangay, in South America, which has been in constant eruption since 1728.

One of the most luxurious private cars in the world has been built in England for the use of an official of a Chinese railroad.

No metal coffins are made in Peru, but the law prescribes metal linings for wooden coffins where death resulted from contagious disease.

SHORT AND SHARP.

The longer the war the shorter the means.

See America first is also a matter of safety first.

Wonder who loses all the fault everybody seems to find.

Silver and gold don't rime, but they make a pleasant jingle.

As a general thing it is easier to point to a good example than to set one.

Taking a trench now and then appears to be the routine of the fighting men.

Most of us can plainly hear the echo of the knock of opportunity after it is too late.

It appears that war has done what chance could never do—spoil the business at Monte Carlo.

Those who have tested it find that the epigram "Revenge is sweet" is the most misleading of all.

Charity

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Old Folk Home

Monday, April 12th

NEW 8th REG. ARMORY

SECOND MONDAY IN APRIL

VERA CRUZ AGAIN UNDER YANKEE GUNS

City Has Been Taken Several Times by Foreign Invaders.

When President Wilson ordered American warships to Vera Cruz for the protection of American interests in Mexico he brought that busy and interesting little Mexican city again into the focus from which it had been displaced by the European war. Vera Cruz was much in the eye last April, when nineteen American sailors and marines were killed there.

Vera Cruz knows what it is to be captured. Five times has the city fallen before foreign arms, once to General Winfield Scott of the United



AVENIDA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA, VERA CRUZ.

States in 1847, again to the United States in 1914, once to France and the allies in 1861 and twice to buccaneers.

Vera Cruz has suffered more than any other city in Mexico. As far back as 1683, when it was a very small town, it was captured by buccaneers. Again in 1712 Laurent and Van Horn, buccaneer kings, seized the port and plundered it for ten days.

From then until well along in the nineteenth century the city had comparative peace. But at the outbreak of the war between this country and Mexico it was inevitable that movements of troops against the City of Mexico must begin with Vera Cruz.

So on March 7, 1847, a fleet appeared bearing General Scott and a small army. While the ships bombarded the defenses troops were landed. They succeeded in capturing the city after a siege of thirteen days, in which there was much bloodshed.

PARIS LIKES T. ATKINS.

Fancy of the French Capital Captured by British Soldier and His Dress.

In the severance of ties between persons of various nationalities the great war is saddening, of course, but in the bringing together of others its influence is good. For example, there is the fraternizing of Tommy Atkins with his companion at arms of the French army and the mingling of the two with the Belgian soldier on the battle line.

It is an old saying that "good Americans when they die go to Paris." But Tommy Atkins does not have to die to



Photo by American Press Association.

BIG LOAD OF BRITISHERS IN PARIS.

got to the beautiful French capital. All he has to do is to get a leave of absence from the trenches or to get himself wounded—slightly, however, so that he can bear transportation. Paris has taken a liking to the British soldier, formerly looked down upon, and it smiles happily when it sees a big load of Britishers riding on the boulevards.

The attire of the soldier of King George has had an effect on the fashion. Style creators have copied as closely as they could the Highlander's bonnet and gilet, and they would like to take in his tilt also no doubt if the dressmakers thought their customers would go so far.

Improving the Family Tree. "Look at this, my dear," said Mr. Newrich to his wife, displaying a fine case of jewels.

"Oh, you have bought them for me, haven't you?" she exclaimed. "How sweet of you!"

"No, my love; I have bought them for my grandmother."

"Your grandmother?"

"Yes, dear."

"But she is a bedridden nonagenarian. She can't appreciate them."

"True, dear. And she need never know anything about them."

"What in the world do you mean?"

"Simply this, dear: It is always advisable to have some heirlooms in a family that makes any social pretensions. These jewels now belong to my grandmother. When our daughter Ethel comes out in a year or two she shall have them, and when it is understood that they were once the gems of her great-grandmother just see the antiquity which our family will develop and all on account of my having a great head."

And Mr. Newrich threw mental bouquets at himself with supreme lavishness.

The Profession of Mayor.

In Germany, where efficiency has become a national passion, the profession of mayor of cities has been established. The people of the German cities reason in this fashion:

"We have here a big corporation. It is a big business corporation and more. It is a big social organization as well. On its efficient management much of our comfort, our health, our success depends. Therefore we will get the best manager we can find. If he does not happen to be in the city we will go outside to get him."

The cities pay well and employ the mayor-manager for a long term of years. After a preliminary trial he is retained indefinitely. In the larger Prussian cities his ability is so esteemed that he is usually made a member of the Prussian upper house. If he shows unusual qualifications he may be chosen a minister of state. The mayoralty in Germany really offers a career.—Kansas City Star.

Left Over Roast Lamb.

To use left over roast lamb take it and cut away all the bone and gristle and grind through a food chopper or chop fine in hash bowl; then mix with six sprigs of parsley and two stalks of celery. Add crumbled soda crackers, one tablespoonful of softened butter, a little salt and pepper, one spoonful of minced onion and enough milk or water to make moist and then beat in one egg and form into a steak. Put in a buttered pan, place in a moderate oven and roast for twenty-five minutes, basting with melted butter or good drippings. Just before the last five minutes is up spread a generous layer of fine breadcrumbs mixed with egg yolk over the top and sides to brown, serve on a hot platter and garnish with sliced lemon or parsley.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Table Manners.

The good people of the church gave the poor children of the parish a bountiful New Year's dinner, and the delight of the youngsters was much more manifest than their table manners. One little fellow was discovered clutching a doughnut in one fist and a lump of steak in the other. He was reproved for his breach of etiquette and took the reproach very meekly. But a moment later he turned to the diner next him and remarked regretfully, "The trouble about these here table manners is that they were invented by somebody who wasn't never really hungry!"—Argonaut.

Just Let Her Talk.

"How did you happen to marry that man, Imra? Did he please you so well?"

"Oh, on the contrary! But when I told him the reasons why I wouldn't marry him he listened to me without interrupting me for two hours, so at last I accepted him."

An Eye to Business.

Drummer—And so our friend, your husband, is gone! He dealt with me for twenty years. Weeping Widow—Yes, and if you had come a fortnight earlier you would have found him still among the living. Drummer—Do you think he left any order for me?—Fliegende Blätter.

Great Bridges.

The largest suspension bridge in the world is the Manhattan, between New York city and Brooklyn. The longest railroad bridge over navigable water is the one on the Norfolk and Southern line at Edinton, N. C., connecting Edinton with Mackays.—New York American.

True to His Profession.

Physician—I'm sorry, sir, but we can't quite be sure as to what is wrong with your arterial system unless we put you under the X ray machine. Publisher—That's all right. I never made any secret of my circulation.—Judge.

The Remedy.

Doctor—You must go away for a long rest. Overworked Merchant—But, doctor, I'm too busy to go away. Doctor—Well, then, you must stop advertising.—St. Louis Times.

What It Was.

"What's that loud talking going on up in your flat, Willie?"

"Oh, that's just pa, losing another argument to me."—Detroit Free Press.

Ignorance is the dominion of almost all.—Proctor.